

Transit for Connecticut
Helping People, the Economy and the Environment

APPROPRIATIONS COMMITTEE

Public Hearing
February 9, 2009

**HB 6365 AAC the State Budget for the Biennium Ending June 30, 2011 and Making
Appropriations Therefore**

Dear Senator Harp and Representative Geragosian and Members of the Committee,

Transit for Connecticut is a statewide coalition of more than 30 organizations dedicated to improving awareness of the benefits of bus transit and advocating for increased funding for bus transit. Attached is a membership list.

On behalf of Transit for Connecticut, I want to thank you for your support of bus transit and urge you to continue to support maintaining and improving bus transit for the residents of Connecticut.

In these tough economic times, bus transit is needed more than ever. Buses get people to their jobs, to school, shopping and medical and social service appointments. Buses are needed by employees and employers and riding the bus instead of driving a car can save people and the state money.

As you review the state budget for the next two years, please keep in mind the need for and benefits of bus transit. Clean, reliable and efficient bus transit benefits the economy and the environment and gives much needed mobility to residents across the state.

In November of 2008, a graduate student at Yale University completed a "white paper" on the economic benefits of transit in Connecticut. I would be happy to share that report with you. Please let me know if you would like to receive a copy.

Thank you, again, for your continued support.

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